GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3073
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INFRASTRUCTURE STATUS CALL FOR OIL PIPELINES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item appeared in Business Standard on November 25, 2007 captioned, "Ministry renews infrastructure status call for oil pipelines";

(b) if so, the matter reported therein; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a)to(c): Government was not aware of the news article mentioned in part (a) of the question. Ministry of Finance has informed that they have examined the request of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas to extend infrastructure status to crude oil and petroleum products pipelines so as to make them eligible for deduction under section 80-1A of the Income Tax Act during the budgetary exercise for Budget 2008 and it was not found feasible to accede to the request.